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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ASEC OEXC (ECEVIT, BULENT)
SUBJ: ECEVIT VISIT TO US: SECURITY

1. ON JULY 29 MFA SECGEN ELEKDAG, UNDER INSTRUCTIONS,
READ A STATEMENT TO ME ABOUT THE ATTEMPT AGAINST ECEVIT.
THE FOLLOWING WERE THE STATEMENT'S PRINCIPAL POINTS.
A. THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF ECEVIT WAS PRE-

VENTED DUE TO THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE SECURITY MEASURES
TAKEN BY THE USG. THE GOT APPRECIATES THOSE MEASURES
MADE BY RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS.

B. IF THE ATTEMPT HAD SUCCEEDED, VERY GRAVE
CONSEQUENCES WOULD HAVE FOLLOWED.

C. THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT ANOTHER ATTEMPT COULD
BE MADE DURING ECEVIT'S TRIP. THEREFORE, THE GOT WOULD
DEEPLY APPRECIATE THE REINFORCEMENT OF THE SECURITY MEASURES
FOR ECEVIT AND HIS PARTY.

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2. ELEKDAG THEN COMMENTED PERSONALLY THAT HE HOPED

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WE WOULD NOT RPT NOT CONSIDER THIS STATEMENT A COMPLAINT.
HE ALSO STRESSED THAT GOT DID NOT INTEND TO SUGGEST
THAT ECEVIT SHOULD BREAK OFF HIS TRIP AND RETURN TO TURKEY.
THE PURPOSE OF THE COMMUNICATION, HE SAID, WAS SIMPLY
TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR WHAT HAD BEEN DONE ALREADY
AND TO ASK THAT SECURITY MEASURES BE STRENGTHENED IN VIEW
OF THE ATTEMPT AGAINST ECEVIT.

3. I THANKED ELEKDAG FOR HIS EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION
FOR THE USG'S SECURITY MEASURES. I SAID THAT WE HAD
ALREADY LAID ON A SECURITY EFFORT EQUIVALENT TO THAT
FOR A HEAD OF GOVERMMENT, AND THAT I WAS SURE FURTHER MEASURES
WERE TAKEN. NEVERTHELESS, I SAID I FULLY UNDERSTOOD AND
SHARED HIS CONCERN AND WOULD REPORT WHAT HE HAD TOLD ME.
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